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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET/GDR PROTESTS AT INTER-PARLIAMENTARY
UNION MEETING IN LISBON - MARCH 27-31

REF: (A) BONN 3597 (B) 77 SOFIA 2002 (NOTAL)
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1. THE FRG EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT FOR US
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SUPPORT AT THE MEETING OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION
(IPU) IN LISBON IN MARCH IF THE SOVIETS OR EAST GERMANS
QUESTION THE STATUS OF THE BERLINERS IN THE FRG DELEGATION
AS THEY DID IN SOFIA LAST SEPTEMBER (REF B). ACCORDING
TO THE EMBASSY, THE FRG DELEGATION WILL AGAIN BE LED BY
FRANZ AMREHN, A CDU MEMBER OF BUNDESTAG FROM BERLIN, AND
WILL INCLUDE TWO OTHER BERLIN MEMBERS OF THE BUNDESTAG,

DR. JOHANN GRADL (CDU) AND KURT MATTICK (SPD). THE FRG ANTICIPATES THAT THE SOVIETS AND EAST GERMAN DELEGATIONS MAY OBJECT TO THE INCLUSION OF BERLINERS AND TO AMREHN'S LEADERSHIP OF THE DELEGATION.

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST AS WE DID TO A SIMILAR REQUEST LAST YEAR (REF C) BY BRIEFING THE US DELEGATION ON THE SITUATION AND REQUESTING THAT IT SUPPORT THE FRG DELEGATION IF THE STATUS OF ITS BERLIN MEMBERS IS

ATTACKED. BEFORE GOING AHEAD, HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE RESULTS OF THE BONN GROUP'S CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION (PARAGRAPH 11, REF A).

3. WE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF DELEGATION ON THIS QUESTION ON MARCH 15 IN WASHINGTON IF WE RECEIVE THE BONN GROUP'S VIEWS IN TIME. OTHERWISE WE WILL RELY ON EMBASSY LISBON TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE TO THE DELEGATION AFTER IT ARRIVES THERE. THE DELEGATIONS WILL THEMSELVES ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COORDINATE STRATEGIES AT THE MEETING OF THE NINE-PLUS GROUP OF WESTER DELEGATIONS IN LUXEMBOURG ON MARCH 24.

4. COPIES OF THE TELEGRAMS CONCERNING THE MEETING IN SOFIA HAVE BEEN POUCHED TO EMBASSY LISBON FOR ITS INFORMATION. VANCE
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